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Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"With reference to the answer given to clause (c) of this question, is not the Chief Engineer expected to look after any special projects in the absence of a Special Officer?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"If the hon. Member were aware of the magnitude and importance of the work that had to be done in connexion with these two schemes he would not have put this question."

Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar :—"I repeat my question. The hon. Member has not answered my question. What I want to know is: is it not the duty of the Chief Engineer, in the absence of any Special Officer, to look after any special projects?"

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—"Yes."

Irrigation projects in the Kurnool district.

414 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. Venkataranga Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of irrigation projects in the Kurnool district that have been completely investigated and are ready for execution;

(*b*) the names of projects that are still under investigation;

(*c*) the probable time for completing the said investigation;

(*d*) the names of the projects which will be taken up for execution in the course of this and the next official year respectively?

A.—(*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The Member is referred to the information given on pages 14 and 15 of Mr. Morgan's report on Irrigation Projects. Since the report was written, the Tippayyapalem Project has been sanctioned, and will be commenced in 1924–25, if funds permit.

The Thokapalli project.

415 *Q.*—Mr. K. Sarabha Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any preliminary steps have been taken in respect of the Thokapalli project?

A.—The Member is referred to page 15 of Mr. F. E. Morgan's Report on Irrigation Projects which has been placed on Editors' Table. The scheme has since been held in abeyance till the Irrigation Bill is passed into law as a water-rate of Rs. 20 for first crop and Rs. 10 for second crop has to be levied to make the project productive. There is no need for a protection work in the tract commanded by the project.

Motor Vehicles Act.

Income and expenditure under the Motor Vehicles and Hackney Carriages Acts.

416 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chettiyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) what is the amount derived annually under different heads both under the Motor Vehicles Act and the Hackney Carriages Act;